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Dear Harold:

I have just read Whitewash IV. Thank God America has a smart vigilant and questioning citizen such as you. I would like to ask you a few questions about it.

yes Did you ever get the tests on the ballistics evidence or did another researcher get them since the book was published?

On page 76 there is a mention of Oswald meeting with two known subversives. This is supposed to have come from FBI agent Hosty. Has there been any follow up to that over the years? Do we know now what he meant and who these two subvervises were?

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Where would the neutron activation and spectrographic tests be today? Do we know for a fact that such tests were done?

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On page 133 in an excerpt from an Executive Transcript of 1/21/64 in which Rankin admits that the Commission had color photographs from the autopsy. Also he asked for minutes of the autopsy. Has there been any any evidence since 1974 that such minutes exist?

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On page 137 you cite the FBI's first definitive report of the assassination. May I have a copy of this if you have one in your files please?

On page 139, has the Secret Service ever before or since taken anyone into custody to the extent they did with Marina Oswald?

to which one author (FBI)

to not Ruby

On page 142 you cite a Mr. Joseph Goulden who claimed Oswald worked for the FBI as an informer. Do you have anything in writing between yourself and Goulden on this subject that you would be willing to share? Do we know now the name of the unnammed law enforcement officer in Dallas?

I noticed when you cited the FBI's response to meetings with Oswald they twice met him and then had a report written within about two weeks, first interview June 26 1662, report July 10 1962, second interview August 16 1962, report August 30 1962 but on the third interview August 10 1963 nearly a year after the last it took nearly two months for the report to be written October 31 1963.

Why did it take so long for this report to be written?

Also apparently FBI agent Hosty went to the Paine residence 3 seperate times looking for Oswald, specifically asking for his whereabouts for Nov. 1 and Nov. 5 1963. On what dates exactly did Hosty do this and was Oswald really missing for Nov 1 and Nov 5 1963? Were there reports filed for these Paine visits by Hosty?

On page 182 you cite a letter from J. Lee Rankin to Senator Javitts for March 11, 1964, the significant portion reads "At this point in the investigation there appears to be nothing of significance which should not be revealed to the American public because of National Security or any other consideration".

I would like a copy of this letter if you still have one.

On page 185 there is a letter reproduced from the office of the deputy attorney general to Bud Fensterwald Jr. Could you clarify for me what the "memorandum of transfer" is? and who wrote it?

How many Executive Sessions were there during the Warren Commission and what are the dates? Are any of these still withheld?

The Executive Session for Sept. 18 1964 was faked. I find that typical although somewhat surprising. Is this faked transcript available? I would like a copy. Do we have any idea what the deleted dissenting footnote was supposed to look like?

Lastly, in return for all of this work I have 14 audiotapes of the Dallas symposium I would like to give to you. I would love to hear your comments. They all have good sound quality to them.

Sincerly Yours

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